



# KEY NOTES

e-newsletter of the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission

October 21, 2010

## Join 1812 stakeholders at the Baltimore City Star-Spangled 200 Conference



The [Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission](#) hosts a day of presentations and area tours in Baltimore City related to the War of 1812 on Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010. Designed for stakeholders in the upcoming bicentennial celebration, the Baltimore City Star-Spangled 200 Conference is the last in a series of conferences that have been held across the state.

Participants at the Baltimore event will meet at [Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine](#). Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake will discuss the city's planning for the bicentennial. The subsequent tour includes the [Maryland Historical Society](#); the [Star-Spangled Banner Flag House](#); [Fells Point](#); and [Patterson Park](#).

To [register](#) or get more information, call or e-mail [Kate Marks](#), 410-767-6974. The cost of the conference is \$45 and advance registration is required.

Many thanks to the [Baltimore City National Heritage Area](#) and [Visit Baltimore](#) for sponsoring the conference.

## Water-trail plan open for public comment



Kayaking at Mount Calvert in Prince George's County. Photo by Beverly Hoeffman.

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### Upcoming Events

["Vestiges of the War of 1812 Along the Patuxent" Lecture](#)

Oct. 22, 2010

[Downrigging Weekend 2010](#)

Oct. 28-31, 2010

[Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail and Byway Public Workshop: Anacostia Watershed Society](#)

Nov. 3, 2010

[Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail and Byway Public Workshop: North Point State Park Visitor Center](#)

Nov. 4, 2010

[Bread and Cheese Creek Fall 2010](#)

A draft of the [Access, Stewardship and Interpretive Opportunity Plan for the Water Portions of the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail in Maryland](#) is now on the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission's [web site](#). Accompanying [trail maps](#) are also available.

The plan identifies 11 significant project areas -- requiring a \$4.25 million investment -- that would significantly enhance access, stewardship and interpretation along the water portions of the national trail in Maryland.

Please submit your comments about the plan to [Bill Pencek](#), Director, Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, by close of business Wednesday Oct. 27.

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## Public invited to meetings on Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail and Byway

The National Park Service, with its partners in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia, is planning a series of forums that provide updates and seek public input regarding the development of the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail and Byway. Sessions are scheduled for these dates:

### Wednesday, Nov. 3

#### [Anacostia Watershed Society](#)

The George Washington House  
4302 Baltimore Ave., Bladensburg, MD 20710  
4:00 - 6:00 pm

### Thursday, Nov. 4

#### [North Point State Park Visitor Center](#)

8700 North Point Road, Edgemere, MD 21219  
6:00 - 8:00 pm

### Monday, Nov. 8

#### [Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway](#)

Conowingo Hydroelectric Plant Visitor Center  
4948 Conowingo Road, Darlington, MD 21034  
6:00 - 8:00 pm

### Tuesday, Nov. 9

#### [Benedict Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad](#)

18210 Hyatt Avenue, Benedict, Maryland  
6:00 - 8:00 pm

For more information, visit [www.nps.gov/stsp](http://www.nps.gov/stsp).

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## Regional Updates

### Baltimore City

Calling all Baltimore City organizations (history and non-history groups)! If you or

#### [Clean-up](#)

Nov. 6, 2010

#### [Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail and Byway Public Workshop: Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway](#)

Nov. 8, 2010

#### [Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail and Byway Public Workshop: Benedict Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad](#)

Nov. 9, 2010

#### [The Three Sisters: A Family Harvest](#)

Nov. 20, 2010

## Recent News

[Upper Marlboro residents debate historic nomination](#), *Gazette.net*, Oct. 14, 2010

[Coin minted to honor Ft. McHenry](#), *ABC2News.com*, Sept. 27, 2010

[War of 1812 battle scene relived at site](#), *SouthernMarylandNews.com*, Sept. 22, 2010

Read more [news](#).

## Upcoming Grant Deadlines

### Oct. 28, 2010

National Endowment for the Humanities

[Collaborative Research Grants](#)

### [Scholarly Editions and Translations Grants](#)

### Nov. 1, 2010

Institute of Museum and Library Services

[Museums for America Grants](#)

Maryland Humanities Council  
[Opportunity Grants](#)

Nov. 15, 2010

your organization is planning an event for the upcoming bicentennial, please complete the [Baltimore National Heritage Area's War of 1812 Bicentennial Programming Survey](#). This information will help the city's planning efforts for 2012 to 2015. For questions, contact [Jack Spinnler](#).

## National Capital Area



The American Institute of Architects will present a one-day workshop and training session for persons interested in leading tours at [The Octagon](#), the temporary presidential home of the Madisons after the burning of Washington, D.C., by British troops. The Octagon was also where President Madison signed the Treaty of Ghent to end the War of 1812.

The workshop addresses the history and design of The Octagon, as well as architecture and decorative arts in the early 19th century.

The date for the workshop is still to be determined. For more information, contact [Rebecca C. Joly](#), Headquarter Meetings and Events director, 202-626-7312.

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## Featured Site

### Maryland State House



The wooden dome of the State House, the largest in the U.S., was used to observe British activity on the Chesapeake Bay during the War of 1812. The building is the oldest American state house in continuous legislative use and served as the U.S. capitol from November 26, 1783 to August 13, 1784.

100 State Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401  
(Anne Arundel County)

410 974-3400

[www.statehouse.md.gov](http://www.statehouse.md.gov)  
[mdstatehouse@mdsa.net](mailto:mdstatehouse@mdsa.net)

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PDF files of previous issues of *Key Notes* are available on the Commission's [web site](#).

Institute of Museum and Library Services

[Sparks! Ignition Grants for Libraries and Museums](#)

## Links



[Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission](#)



[Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail](#)



[Baltimore National Heritage Area](#)

[Eastern Shore 1812 Consortium](#)

[Historic Prince George's](#)

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